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for the return of LB 851 to Select File for the purposes of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. For debate on the motion to return LB 851 to Select File, Senator Bromm, followed by Senator Brashear and Senator Cunningham and Senator Bourne. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I rise in opposition to the Coordsen proposal. As many of you will recall the chain of events that occurred just a few short days ago, with the weekend it seems longer now but we had a proposal that came out of...out of the Redistricting Committee that was...that came out on a very divided vote, and after it was on the floor there was another proposal adopted which would have moved Saline and Gage County, and out of that...and that was strongly opposed by a number of members of the body, and a compromise was arrived at, which is the current map which does move Saline County to the 3rd, and a portion of Cedar County, in addition to York. This...this was a...I would say not a compromise that was made lightly at all. Fact, it was...it was very, very difficult to do and I think it involved some give and take and some pain on all sides of the parties that were involved in the compromise. Senator Coordsen was not bound by the compromise and he's free to do this, and I don't want to indicate that he isn't. He certainly is. But I fear on this eighty-eighth day that if we do this we are...we are going to open up a series of concerns and activity on our congressional boundary lines that may be difficult to complete this year without going into some special work perhaps after the session. So I think it is certainly a good faith proposal. I ask you to not support it for the various reasons that I have given, and I realize that there are senators in the Saline County area, namely one, Senator Coordsen, who does need...does support this and feels it is a viable option, but I certainly encourage you not to support this proposal. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Brashear, on the motion to return.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in